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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF SOVIET PRESS - JANUARY 12

1. U.S. COVERAGE REMAINS PREDOMINANTLY NEGATIVE:
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--KZ HAS TASS WASHINGTON ARTICLE CONTINUING LINE
ON ANTI-DETENTE FORCES IN U.S. USING "SOVIET MILITARY THREAT"
TO ADVANCE CAUSE OF INCREASED DEFENSE SPENDING. SECDEF
RUMSFELD IS ONLY INDIVIDUAL NAMED IN THIS CONNECTION
AND "FIRST STRIKE" THEORY IS DESCRIBED.

-- PRAVDA'S "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" BY ANDREY
TOLKUNOV CRITICIZES PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL TO GRANT STATE-
HOOD TO PUERTO RICO.

-- CENTRAL PRESS HAS TASS WASHINGTON ARTICLE,
BASED ON WP ACCOUNT, ON IBEX ELECTRONIC INTELLIGENCE
SYSTEM IN IRAN.

-- SPOT OF POSITIVE NEWS IS PROVIDED BY LITGAZ
(JAN 12) COVERAGE OF FAVORABLE COMMENTS BY DONALD MURPHY
(V.P. PULLMAN) AND WILLIAM HEWITT (CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF
DEERE AND CO.) ON U.S. - SOVIET TRADE.

-- LITGAZ HAS LENGTHY ARTICLE BY G. BOROVIK ON
CIA USE OF ACCUSED NAZI WAR CRIMINALS IN U.S.

--LITGAZ REVIEWS A SOVIET BOOK ON "IDEOLOGICAL
DIVERSION," INVOLVING RL, RFE AND CIA. BOOK IS REPORTEDLY
BASED ON "EPISODES" OBSERVED AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS,
INTOURIST HOTELS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN SOVIET UNION.

--LITGAZ PRINTS SHORT ARTICLE ON ITS INABILITY
TO UNDERSTAND LINK BETWEEN RECENT DENIAL OF U.S. VISA
TO ITS CHIEF EDITOR AND PREVIOUS SOVIET DENIAL OF VISA
TO MEMBER OF CONGRESSIONAL CSCE COMMISSION.

-- PRAVDA NOTES THAT SUPREME COURT REFUSED
TO CONSIDER CPUSA LEGAL SUIT AGAINST "DISCRIMINATORY"
ELECTION LAWS.
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-- PRAVDA HAS SHORT ARTICLE ON CORRUPT U.S.
BUSINESS PRACTICES IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

-- PRAVDA AND KZ HAVE SHORT, FACTUAL ARTICLE
ON U.S. POPULATION TRENDS.

2. OTHER COVERAGE:

-- PRAVDA CONTINUES COVERAGE FROM STOCKHOLM
OF "SPY-PLANE" INTERFERING WITH PASSENGER AIRCRAFT IN
CIVILIAN AIR CORRIDORS IN BALTIC. BY CITING SWEDISH
PRESS AND NOT MENTIONING INVOLVEMENT OF SOVIET PLANE
(BUT MENTIONING EARLIER INCIDENTS INVOLVED JAPAN AIR
AND FINN AIR) ISSUE OF NEAR-MISS REMAINS SWEDISH-U.S.
ISSUE. BUT CORRESPONDENT YU. KUZNETSOV CLAIMS PRACTICE
OF SPY MISSIONS IS COUNTER TO "POSITIVE TENDENCIES IN
INTERNATIONAL POLITICS" AND IS CONTRARY TO HELSINKI
AGREEMENT.

-- VISIT OF ITALIAN FONMIN FORLANI
CONTINUES TO GET PRESS PLAY WITH MAJOR BILLING FOR GROMYKO'S
LUNCHEON SPEECH. GROMYKO GAVE STANDARD TREAT-
MENT TO ISSUES, LAUDED FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENTS IN SOVIET-
ITALIAN RELATIONS IN RECENT YEARS, AND URGED INCREASED
EFFORTS FOR DISARMAMENT, SPECIFICALLY RECALLING SOVIET
UNGA MEMORANDUM AND NUF AND NNFU PROPOSALS, AND CLAIMING
LATTER MEETS VITAL NEEDS OF ALL EUROPEAN, "AND NOT ONLY
EUROPEAN" PEOPLES.

-- BUILDUP FOR JAN 14 OPENING OF WORLD FORUM
OF PEACE FORCES BEGINS IN PRAVDA WITH LONG ARTICLE BY
VITALY SHAPOSHNIKOV.

-- PRAVDA HAS TWO TASS ARTICLES AND "OPINION"
OF COLUMNIST I. POGODIN ON THEME OF ISRAELI OCCUPATION
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POLICIES IN ARAB TERRITORIES AND ISRAELI SPONSORED
MILITARY TENSION ALONG LEBANESE BORDER. PRAVDA
NOTES CONTINUED ISRAELI BLACKADE OF TYRE, A THEME REPEATED
IN IZVESTIYA AND KZ COVERAGE. KZ HAS TASS CAIRO ARTICLE
ON EFFORTS OF ISRAELI GOVERNMENT TO PUT A STOP TO SCANDAL
MARKED BY SUICIDE OF HOUSING MINISTER.

-- CENTRAL PRESS PRINTS TASS CAIRO REPORT ON
STATEMENT BY EGYPTIAN NATIONAL PROGRESSIVE PARTY CRITICIZING
ANTI-NASSER STATEMENTS BY CENTER PARTY DEPUTY SECRETARY
GENERAL HAFEZ AND LINKING HAFEZ WITH U.S. INTELLIGENCE.

-- PRAVDA HAS TASS PARIS ITEM BASED ON AFP
WASHINGTON PIECE ON CONFIDENTIAL REPORT BY SENATE FOREIGN
RELATIONS COMMITTEE STAFFERS BRIEN AND KRAFT WHICH
REPORTEDLY RECOMMENDED MORE LENIENT U.S. POLICY TOWARD
SMITH AND VORSTER REGIMES.

-- I. SHCHEDROV WRITES IN PRAVDA ON VISIT OF
ADMIRAL WEISNER, CINCPAC, TO THAILAND AND NOTES POSSIBILITY
OF INCLUSION IN SECRET NEGOTIATIONS OF TOPICS OF REOPENING
RAMSUN INTELLIGENCE CENTER.
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